1	2	3	4
Rajasthan	7.54	17.99	11.93
Sikkim	0.10	0.10	#
Tamil Nadu	4.44	4.46	6.67
Tripura	0.61	0.53	#
Uttar Pradesh	38.14	44.25	41.46
Uttranchal	1.56	1.72	1.76
West Bengal	15.52	15.98	16.25
A&N Islands	0.03	0.03	#
D&N Haveli	0.03	0.03	#
Delhi	0.11	0.12	#
Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	#
Pondicherry	0.06	0.007	#
Others	NA	NA	2.25
ALL INDIA:	174.77	213.46	204.61

N.A. - Not Applicable.

- Included in others

* -4th Advance estimates.

Growth Rate in Agriculture Sector

564. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth in agriculture sector during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the anticipated growth during 2006-07; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure a higher growth rate in the farm sector in order to push up overall growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) According to the data released by Central

Statistical Organisation, the rate of growth in agriculture including allied sectors of forestry, logging and fishing during the last three years is given below:

Annual growth rate of GDP at 1999-2000 prices in Agriculture, Forestry, Logging and Fishing

Year	Growth rates in agriculture, forestry and fishing
2003-04	10.0
2004-05	0.7
2005-06	2.3

Source: Central Statistical Organisation, New Delhi

(b) The Planning Commission in its Mid-Term Appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan has projected the growth rate of 3.2 percent during the year 2006-07 at factor cost and at 2001-02 prices.

(c) A series of initatives through various schemes have been taken by the Government in the areas of increased credit coverage, irrigation expansion, crop diversification, marketing infrastructure, horticulture, extension services and storage facilities. Efforts are on to enhance production and productivity and to encourage farming as a remunerative profession. This process is being strengthened through farm mechanization, agri-clinics and agri-business centres. The areas for high investment include irrigation including drip and sprinkler irrigation, National Horticulture Mission, having end-to-end approach.

Growth Rate in Agriculture

†565. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first three years of Tenth Five Year Plan and average rate of growth in agriculture sector remained 1.5 per cent in comparision to the set target;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.